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SUBJECT: PRESS: SADAT AND ATHERTON ON PEACE PROCESS

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SUMMARY. SADAT REITERATES CENTRALITY OF PALESTINIAN ISSUE  
TO SETTLEMENT; NO SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT FULL  
ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. PEACE INITIATIVE "GREATEST CHALLENGE"  
ISRAEL HAS FACED. GUMHURIYYA ALLEGED TALK NOW OF ES-  
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TABLISHING ECONOMIC OR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL  
IS PUTTING CART BEFORE HORSE. ATHERTON SPEECH FRONT-  
PAGED IN AHRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT. PRESS APRIL 6 HEADLINED SADAT'S  
REMARKS AT WELCOMING DINNER FOR AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD  
IN WHICH HE REITERATED PALESTINIAN ISSUE CRUX ME CONFLICT

AND NOT ISSUE ISRAELIS CAN IGNORE. EGYPT WILL ONLY  
ACCEPT SETTLEMENT BASED ON FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM  
ALL THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES "WITHOUT EXCEPTION" AND  
ACHIEVEMENT OF PALESTINIANS' LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. GOE WILL  
NOT RESUME NEGOTIATIONS SOLELY FOR SAKE OF RESUMPTION  
BUT ONLY TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS.

2. ATHERTON. AHRAH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE  
PROMINENTLY REPORTED ATHERTON SPEECH, HIGHLIGHTING  
ISRAEL HAS TO ADOPT "HARD AND DIFFICULT DECISIONS" FOR  
PROGRESS TOWARD PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT; AMERICAN PROPOSALS  
WHICH CARTER PRESENTED BEGIN COULD BE "ONLY POSSIBILITY"  
FOR RESUMING MOMENTUM TO NEGOTIATIONS; ISRAEL MUST  
APPROVE WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK AND ALLOW WEST BANK  
AND GAZA PALESTINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THEIR  
OWN FUTURE; SETTLEMENT OUGHT TO BE BASED ON CONSENT OF  
GOVERNED.

3. COMMENTARY. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL REITERATED SADAT'S  
REMARKS TO MEDIA CONFERENCE (REFTEL), SAYING IT WOULD  
NOT HELP PEACE "IN ANY WAY" TO TALK NOW ABOUT  
CULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, OR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL  
SINCE THIS PUTTING "CART BEFORE HORSE". EDITORIAL CON-  
CLUDED EGYPT DOES NOT NEED TO OFFER NEW INITIATIVES TO  
PROVE HER INTENTIONS TOWARD PEACE. EILTS

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